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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action of the Examiner mailed October 22, 2003, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response ending January 22, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.



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- [X] Amendment in response to office action dated October 22, 2003
[X] No additional fee required
[X] 1 Sheet Replacement Drawings
[X] 1 Sheet Annotated Drawings Showing Changes
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